

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of March 26, 2004, in which claims 1-60 are presently pending. Of those, claims 1, 25, 37 and 49 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,272,200 to Pan, et al. In addition, claims 2-4, 26-28, 38-40 and 50-52 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pan. Claims 13-24 have been allowed, while claims 5-12, 29-36, 41-48 and 53-60 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 60 is further objected to as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. For the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.


As an initial matter, paragraph [0002] of the specification has been amended to correct a typographical error discovered therein. In addition, paragraph [0035] of the specification has been amended to provide an updated filing serial number and U.S. Patent publication number for the reference cited therein.

With regard to the §102 and §103 rejections set forth above, the Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4, 25-28, 37-40 and 49-52. Claims 5, 7, 29, 31, 41, 43, 53 and 55 have been rewritten in independent form, thereby placing the same in condition for allowance. Finally, claim 60 has been amended as set forth above to address the Examiner's objection thereto.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered. If any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0845 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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